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SUBJ: DETECTED FRAUD ON PART OF EX-FSL BORKO GRACANIN

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1. REFTEL (A) CONTAINS INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT BORKO GRACANIN, FORMER EMBASSY FSL WHO WAS DISMISSED FOR FRAUD ON DECEMBER 12, 1975, HAS POPPED UP IN COLOGNE AT THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY TRYING TO GET A VISA. THIS HAS HAPPENED AFTER YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES ASSURED US REPEATEDLY THAT GRACANIN WOULD BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL IN BELGRADE, AND DESPITE OUR WARNING THAT HE MIGHT TRY TO ESCAPE COUNTRY.

2. WE ARE NOT SURPRISED AT THIS DENOUEMENT BECAUSE WE SUSPECTED THAT HE COOPERATED WITH SUP.

3. GIVEN THE YUGOSLAV PROPENSITY TO LECTURE US AD NAUSEUM ON THE REAL AND IMAGINED INEFFECTIVENESS OR COLLUSION OF U.S. POLICE AND INVESTIGATORY AUTHORITIES, WE SHOULD USE "ESCAPE" OF GRACANIN AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY, EXPRESSING UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY FOR THE INEFFICIENCY OF YUGOSLAV POLICE WORK.
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